

REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for his consideration of the application. Claims 1-9 and 15 are pending in the application and have not been amended from the previous amendment filed on November 8, 2006. Claims 10-14 were previously cancelled.

Claim Rejection

The Examiner rejected claims 1-9 and 15 based upon a defective reissue oath/declaration. Although the Applicant does not agree that a supplemental reissue oath/declaration is necessary since the error was properly identified in the original reissue declaration filed on December 9, 2002, in order to expedite prosecution a supplemental reissue declaration is enclosed herewith. Accordingly, the rejection should be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

All the claim rejections have been addressed and all of the pending claims are currently allowable. Reconsideration of the application and issuance of a notice of allowance are respectfully requested. Applicant believes that no additional fees or an extension of time is required. Please apply any additional charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 19-4972.

Respectfully submitted,

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